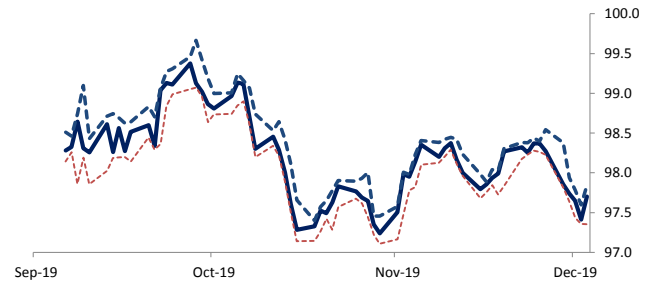


#### Highlights in the Foreign Exchange Market:

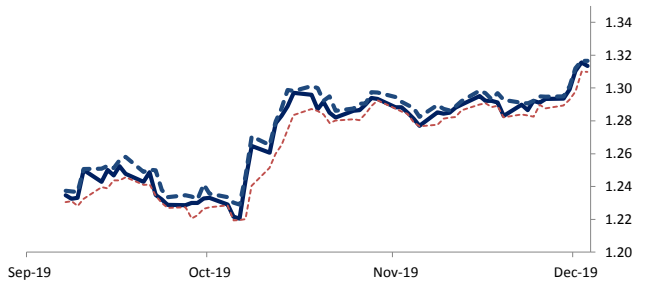
The US dollar was noticeably weaker last week as poor manufacturing data tempered growth expectations and the US trade war took unexpected turn. The Institute for Supply Management's Manufacturing PMI contracted for the fourth consecutive month with manufacturing executives less than optimistic in their responses. Economic uncertainty continues to grow while order books continue to shrink mentioned survey responders. It is clear the manufacturing sector, which accounts to 11% of US GDP, has come under pressure due to weaker global growth and a prolonged trade war between the two largest economies. The ISM index fell to 48.1 in November from October's 48.3 and was significantly below expectations of 49.2. Statisticians at the ISM suggest that this level is consistent with annual real GDP growth of 1.5%.

As for the Sterling, the GBP was the biggest mover in the FX markets last week reaching a seven month high against the backdrop of broad-based dollar weakness and positive Brexit expectations. UK parliamentary election polls showed Boris Johnson's ruling Conservative Party widening its lead before this week's election. The poll showed support for the Conservatives at 44%, while their main rival Labour was unchanged on 32%. A majority win for Conservatives would effectively end the deadlock in parliament opening the door for an exit in January. Indeed, Johnson pledged that legislation to implement his EU withdrawal agreement would be put back before parliament ahead of Christmas to insure the January deadline.

US Dollar Index  
3-Month Performance



GBP/USD  
3-Month Performance



#### Chart Points and Other Technical Input

CCY	2nd Support	1st Support	Spot	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance
EUR	1.0875	1.0960	1.1057	1.1155	1.1260
GBP	1.2935	1.3040	1.3135	1.3235	1.3330
JPY	106.55	107.60	108.59	109.60	110.55
CHF	0.9710	0.9810	0.9902	0.9995	1.0190

#### Major Currencies

CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %	CCY	Closing Rate	YTD %
EUR/USD	1.1057	(3.69)	EUR/GBP	0.8420	(6.29)
GBP/USD	1.3135	2.95	GBP/JPY	142.62	1.84
USD/JPY	108.5900	(1.31)	EUR/JPY	120.07	(4.87)
USD/CHF	0.9902	0.90	EUR/CHF	1.0950	(2.70)

#### Brief Technical Commentary

EUR/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.1109 level during Friday's trading session and closed for the week at 1.1057. EUR/USD Supports are at (1.0940-1.0960) any break below would take the pair down to 1.0875. Short term outlook is Neutral.

GBP/USD: The pair moved up to the 1.3165 level during Friday's trading session and closed the week at 1.3135. GBP/USD Resistance are at (1.3235-1.3330) any break above would take the pair up to 1.3470. Short term outlook is Bullish.

#### Local & Global Rates

CCY	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year
KWD	2.25	2.56	2.75	2.94	3.19
USD	1.58	1.72	1.89	1.89	1.92
EUR	-0.54	-0.51	-0.44	-0.40	-0.29
GBP	0.70	0.71	0.78	0.86	0.97
CHF	-0.79	-0.81	-0.72	-0.64	-0.52
AUD	0.75	0.75	0.95	0.95	0.95

#### Economic Events

Date	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
9-Dec-19	CNY	Trade Balance		300B	301B
10-Dec-19	CNY	CPI y/y		4.5%	3.8%
10-Dec-19	GBP	GDP m/m		0.1%	-0.4%
10-Dec-19	EUR	German ZEW Economic Sentiment		1.1	-2.1
11-Dec-19	USD	CPI m/m		0.2%	0.4%
11-Dec-19	USD	FOMC Statement			
12-Dec-19	CHF	SNB Monetary Policy Assessment			
12-Dec-19	GBP	Parliamentary Elections			
12-Dec-19	EUR	ECB Monetary Policy Statement			
13-Dec-19	USD	Retail Sales m/m		0.4%	0.3%

#### Government Yields

Country	1-Year	2-Year	5-Year	10-Year	30-Year
United States	1.55	1.62	1.67	1.84	2.28
Germany	-0.67	-0.69	-0.57	-0.29	0.23
United Kingdom	0.66	0.56	0.57	0.76	1.28
Japan	-0.16	-0.15	-0.14	-0.04	0.42

#### Commodities

Index	Last Price	% Change	Index	Last Price	% Change
Kuwait Oil	65.71	0.89	Dow Jones	28,015.06	1.22
Brent	64.39	1.58	Nikkei 225	23,354.40	0.23
West Texas	59.20	1.32	S&P 500	3,145.91	0.91
Gold	1,459.51	0.00	KuwaitSE	6,038.35	0.23

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